

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 1, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was sick but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(249) In the matter of SB396, GAS RULES - Docket L-97.1-RUL; A draft notice of adoption of proposed rules implementing SB396 (gas utility restructuring) has been distributed and is for action. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft notice. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(250) In the matter of CENEX INC. - Docket D98.5.99; On May 6, 1998 Cenex, Inc. filed for Commission approval of new tariffs reflecting its official name change from Cenex, Inc. to Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives. The existing rates, for all tariffs, will remain the same. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the name change tariff. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(251) In the matter of Docket T-98.15.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 2569, Kendall C. Ward, Libby, Montana for failure to comply with vehicle registration requirements, an Order to Show Cause has been issued and received by the motor carrier, with no response.

Class C - Presto logs, presto log stoker fuel and building materials for retail department of J. Neils Lumber Company, in the town of Libby, Montana, and between points within five miles thereof.

Class C - Property (Household goods, baggage, and other portable personal property of all kinds) between all points and places in Lincoln County, Montana, over any and all public highways.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 2569 and issue Order No. 6448. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(252) In the matter of T-98.13.RI; On May 5, 1998, Butte Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce, Butte, Montana, filed an increase of rates and charges in Passenger Tariff #7 of twenty-five (25) percent applying to adult fares, only. Last date for protest of this rate increase was May 28, 1998. No protests

have been received.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within a 10 mile radius of the federal building located in Butte, Montana.

Limitations: Carrier is limited to transportation between April 1 and November 1 of each year.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the increase. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(253) In the matter of TN1926; Robert Roberts dba PDQ Transfer, Billings, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 983 to Mark McKell dba McKell Brothers Hauling, Billings, Montana for a six month period, June 1, 1998 to December 1, 1998 pending completion of a sale and transfer procedure.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Billings and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city to all points in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to Billings and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city.

Class C - Property in the City of Billings, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not to exceed a distance of ten (10) miles in any direction thereof.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the six-month lease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(254) In the matter of TN1927; Security Armored Express, Inc., Helena, Montana requests permission to lease a portion of PSC No. 899 to Griffin Phoenix, Inc. dba Eagle Services, Billings, Montana for a six month period, June 1, 1998 to December 1, 1998 pending completion of a sale and transfer procedure.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage, within the City of Great Falls, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the six-month lease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(255) In the matter of the approval of the Commission Minutes. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Minutes for the weeks of May 11, May 18, and May 26, 1998. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(256) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water Rate Increase - Docket No. D98.5.104; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the issuance of the Protective Order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney

(257) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Disposition of US West Communication's, Inc. Service Quality Penalty Fund - Docket No. N98.3.65; Commissioner Rowe moved to use the \$160,000 in service quality penalties paid by USWC's to fund telecommunications proposals from four organizations (DPHHS, Montana Legal Services Association, Crisis Line of Great Falls, Butte Special Riders) that serve needy Montanans. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(258) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Montana Telephone - Docket No. D97.11.225; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the applicant's motion to amend application and

grant USWC's motion to extend the procedural schedule two weeks. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(259) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's ISDN Application - Docket No. D96.7.121; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant USWC's Motion in Limine and set the briefing schedule as proposed by the parties. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, June 3, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was ill. The Commission vote was left open for her.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(260) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC/AT&T arbitration motions on reconsideration - Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the staff draft on the Second Order on Reconsideration as the Commission's findings. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye on June 4, 1998, making the vote unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 4, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice-Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(261) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's, Inc. Flexible Pricing Issues - Docket No. D97.7.125; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to draft an order approving the flexible pricing tariff limited to Glendive and Terry. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 8, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were at the NARUC Summer Meeting in Bend, Oregon, and left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(262) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.5.108; On May

20, 1998, US

WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 98-23 introducing a new toll optional calling plan known as Simple Value. The plan has no monthly recurring rate and no minimum usage criteria. The rate is a flat rate per minute for on-peak and off-peak calling. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(263) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.5.111; On May 8, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-21, "Caller ID Promotion". From May 18, 1998 through June 27, 1998, residential customers who are new subscribers to Caller Identification will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge when they purchase this feature. In addition, during the same time frame, residential customers who purchase a new additional line and purchase Caller ID on the new additional line, will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge and the first month of service monthly rate for the Caller ID. These promotions apply on all orders placed and / or completed during the promotional period. This was a notice item on 6/1/98. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 98-21. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(264) In the matter of MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. - Docket D98.5.107; On May 20, 1998, MDU filed for authority to split its Common Stock three-for-two effective July 13, 1998. MDU will receive no proceeds from the issuance of additional shares resulting from the proposed split. MDU believes that the resulting lower market price per share will enhance the marketability and liquidity of the Common Stock. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue Default Order No. 6072. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(265) In the matter of TN1928; Security Armored Express, Inc., Helena, Montana requests permission to split PSC No. 899 for leasing purposes. Sub A will be reissued under PSC No. 9405.

Class C - Property, in the City of Great Falls, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto. Limitations: The transportation of property (except household goods) between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage, within the City of Great Falls, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport

authorized commodities to
certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the application. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(266) In the matter of TN1927; To clarify the lease approved on June 1, 1998 between Security Armored Express, Inc., Helena, Montana and Griffin Phoenix, Inc. dba Eagle Services, Billings, Montana of the authority originally issued as PSC No. 899, Sub A. That authority has now been reissued as PSC No. 9405.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage, within the City of Great Falls, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the clarification. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(267) In the matter of TN1929; Carr-Funke Moving and Storage, Inc., Billings, Montana requests permission to suspension PSC No. 4553 for a six month period, June 8, 1998 to December 8, 1998.

Class B Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Laurel or Billings and a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said cities to all points and places in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to Laurel or Billings, Montana and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said cities.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from all points in Carter, Custer, Powder River, Fallon, Wibaux, Prairie, Richland, Dawson, McCone, Garfield, Petroleum, Rosebud, Musselshell, Treasure, Yellowstone, Big Horn, Stillwater, Carbon, Fergus, Phillips and Valley Counties to all points in the State of Montana and from all points in the State of Montana to the above designated counties.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the suspension for six months. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(268) In the matter of TN1930; Charles R. Irvin, Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 1086 to Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana for a one year period, May 25, 1998 to May 25, 1999.

Class C - Property in Oilmont, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of

property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the continued lease. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(269) In the matter of TN1931; Waste Management of Montana, Inc. dba Waste Management of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9369 to Sanitation, Inc., Lewistown, Montana for a one year period, April 3, 1998 to April 3, 1999.

Class D - Garbage and refuse within the town of Raynesford, Montana and a five mile radius thereof and within the town of Geyser and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation service provided by roll off containers is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the continued lease. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 9, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the NARUC Summer Meeting in Bend, Oregon, but made a telephone connection for voting purposes.

APPEARANCE

Tina Shorten

(270) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Frontier Tariff Filing - Docket No. N98.5.112; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(271) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the out-of-state travel requests for - Dave Burchett to audit the Mountain Water Company's parent company (residing in Downey, California) and Will Rosquist to attend the NARUC Executive Dialogue on Market Power Issues in Minneapolis on July 8 and 9, 1998; Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary
(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, June 10, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the Western Conference meeting and did not leave votes on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(272) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing and pending objections of USWC - Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the objection of USWC to review proprietary material by Montana Wireless expert witness Joan Mandeville. Commissioner

Oberg seconded the motion, which failed on a 1-2 vote. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye;
Commissioners Oberg and Fisher dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's
Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 11, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the Western Conference meeting and left their
votes with Commissioner Fisher.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(273) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's 271 filing - Docket
No. D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny USWC's objection to Montana Wireless
witness review of proprietary materials. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 3-2.
Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and Fisher dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 15, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(274) In the matter of MCI - Docket N98.6.117; On May 27, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-09 to add a late fee to General Rules and Regulations and to clarify the applicability of Market Area Calling for Option G and Option W. This filing also introduced a new rate category (Volume Discount) to Option Y and Option BB that does not require Commission approval. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(275) In the matter of MCI - Docket N98.5.109; On May 21, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-10 to remove state specific rate and defer to MCI's FCC tariff for Option Y MCI One Number and Option AA P800. This filing also increased rates for different options and those rate changes do not require Commission approval. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(276) In the matter of Docket T-98.14.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 9032, Mickey R. Mecklenburg dba Shelby Taxi Service, Shelby, Montana for failure to comply with vehicle registration requirements, an Order to Show Cause was issued on May 7, 1998 and sent by certified mail. The post office returned the Order to Show Cause, after three delivery attempts, stamped "unclaimed".

Class B - Passengers, baggage and express within the town of Shelby, Montana, and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Oberg moved to cancel PSC No. 9032 and issue Order No. 6449. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(277) In the matter of TN1932; Kevin W. McCann dba Valley Coach/Commuter, Missoula, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9282 to L & B Busing, Inc., Florence, Montana for a one year period, May 20, 1998 to May 20, 1999.

Class B - Passengers and their baggage in commuter service, between all points and places within Ravalli and Missoula Counties. Limitations: 1. Transportation of passengers in charter, limousine, or taxicab service is prohibited. 2. Service to Missoula County Airport, Missoula Bus Depot, & Trapper Creek Job Corp. is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the continuation of the lease for one year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(278) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of June 1 and June 8, 1998. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 16, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Wendy Fuller

(279) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing -

Docket No. D97.5.87;

Commissioner Rowe moved to file with the FCC a letter in support of Washington's position on OSS standards. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Wendy Fuller

(280) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Summer Solutions Tariff Filing - Docket No. D97.5.13; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the Summer Solutions Program. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(281) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PacifiCorp's Transition Plan - Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft of Order No. 5987e as the Commission's decision implementing large customer choice. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(282) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's Electric Restructuring and MPC's motions - Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the motion of MPC to strike certain motions of DEQ's brief. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(283) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Restructuring - Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the motion for reconsideration of Ronan Telephone Company for intervention. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant late intervention to the Ronan Advisory Committee. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Anderson, Rowe and Oberg voted aye; Commissioners Fisher and McCaffree dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 18, 1998, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Fisher was absent but left his proxy with Commissioner Oberg.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang

(284) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Universal Access Program;
Commissioner Rowe moved to waive the May 1 filing deadline and authorize the PSC to process universal access applications up to and including disbursement date.
Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher's proxy
"aye."

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Joel Tierney

(285) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's Electric Utility Restructuring -
Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Order No. 5986d as the Commission's findings on "Tier 1" issues as modified in regards to customers migrating.
Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher's proxy "aye."

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel

(286) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Restructuring of Rates - Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to draft an order which 1) rejects the stipulation; 2) lists the Commission objectives per Commissioner Anderson's memo of 6/18/98 as amended; 3) proposes a revenue requirement adjustment of 1.7 million, and 4) grants the parties two weeks to respond. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-1-1.
Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye; Commissioner Oberg dissented; and
Commissioner Fisher abstained as Commissioner Oberg did not cast his proxy.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 22, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent due to illness and left votes with the Commissioner Secretary.
Commissioner Rowe was absent and left votes with the Commission Secretary

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(287) In the matter of LINDA VISTA WATER CO. - Docket No. D98.4.84; On April 16, 1998, Linda Vista Water Company filed an application for a water main extension policy to their tariff, they are proposing a 40-year advance contract be used to fund an extension. This addition would also allow Linda Vista to acquire existing mains already in service and connected to their system, as an advanced contract under Rule 1. This filing was noticed to the public on May 22, 1998. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

(288) In the matter of CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.121; On June 4, 1998, CenturyTel filed Tariff Advice No. 98-6 to add an additional category for volume discounts, to change the company name on the price lists to CenturyTel of Montana, dba CenturyTel, and to update references to indicate Tariff PSC Mont. No. 12, replacing Tariff PSC Mont. No. 11. The additional category for volume discounts affects Voice Mail Service, which is a detariffed service, but the terms and conditions have been changed to create a new category. CenturyTel requests to have a separate category for customers

subscribing to 151 or more mailboxes. The minimum rate will remain the same for each category; however, the currently charged rate would be \$1.00 less per mailbox for customers subscribing to 151 or more mailboxes, compared to customers subscribing to 100-150 mailboxes. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

(289) In the matter of CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.122; On June 5, 1998, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 98-7 to cancel in its entirety its Access Service tariff, PSC Mont. AC-3, and replace with new tariff, PSC Mont. AC-4. The purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the company's legal name to CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. No rates, rules, or regulations are being changed by this filing. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

(290) In the matter of CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.123; On June 4, 1998, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 98-5 to replace PSC Mont. No. 11 with PSC Mont. No. 12. The purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the company's legal name to CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. No rates, rules, or regulations are being changed by this filing. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

ADDITIONAL ITEM:

(291) In the matter of AT&T Montana Tariff Text Changes to Advice 98-10 - Docket No. N98.6.126; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe could not leave votes on this unscheduled issue.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(292) In the matter of Docket T98.22.AR; WWSS Associates, Inc. dba Big Sky Industrial, Spokane, Washington, PSC No. 9265, has submitted a Verified Statement. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1997 annual report filing.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage in the City of Billings, Montana and between Billings, Montana and other points. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation must originate or terminate in Billings, Montana.

Commissioner Oberg moved to accept the verified statement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

(293) In the matter of TN1933; WWSS Associates, Inc. dba Big Sky Industrial, Spokane, Washington, has requested cancellation of the Class C authority under PSC No. 9265.

Class C - Recovered materials of a hazardous or toxic nature, in liquid or semisolid form, of sufficient viscosity to be pumped into vacuum containers to a reprocessing facility, a storage facility, or an end use manufacturing site. Recovered materials include, by way of example rather than limitation, petroleum or chemical products which have been delivered to a point of application or use by virtue of spillage cannot be used as intended but can be recycled or reused. Limited to refinery maintenance work on the grounds of the Exxon Refinery in Billings, Montana and road hauls on the Exxon Road and Lockwood Road.

Commissioner Oberg moved to cancel the Class C authorized as requested. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 23, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent but left proxy with Commissioner Anderson.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Scott Fabel

(294) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's Inc. restructuring docket - Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the Posthearing Order and Request for Comments as amended. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner McCaffree's proxy as "aye." Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 23, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(295) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Flexible Pricing - Docket No. D97.7.125; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the staff draft as amended as the Commission's final order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 3-1. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(296) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Dakota Services and Firstel interconnection agreements and USWC's failure to comply with PSC directives - Dockets No. D98.6.125 and D98.1.15; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject the filing of the amendment of Firstel as not in compliance with Commission directives. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to direct Chairman Fisher to write USWC demanding explanation for repeated failures to comply with Commission directives. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(297) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications v. MCI, complaint on slamming allegation; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice of complaint against MCI from Clark Fork Telephone and docket the matter. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(298) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's EAS True-Up and West Yellowstone EAS - Docket No. D98.5.100 and D97.10.206; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to draft an order approving West Yellowstone EAS into Gardiner and Livingston. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(299) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Great Falls Gas

Restructuring - Docket No.
D98.3.68; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the protective order in part.
Commissioner Rowe
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the objections of Great Falls Gas Co. to
Montana Power
Trading & Marketing data requests. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion,
which passed
unanimously.
Commissioner Anderson moved to Montana Power Trading & Marketing's
objections to Great
Falls Gas responses and order clarifications and filing of attachments.
Commissioner Rowe seconded
the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, Scott Fabel

(300) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Great Falls Gas Cost
Tracker - Docket No.
D97.7.119; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the final order on the
pending gas tracking
application. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Jay Driscoll

(301) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PP&L's Line
Extension Tariff - Docket No.
D98.2.29; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revision as amended.
Commissioner
Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(302) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC/Touch America's
Interconnection
Agreement - Docket No. D98.5.97; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve an order
approving the
Interconnection Agreement but rejecting certain provisions as inconsistent
with previous determination
of interconnection agreement public policy. Commissioner Oberg seconded the
motion, which passed
unanimously.

(303) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing
and pending motions -
Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to reaffirm its previous decision
and deny USWC's
objections to AT&T's Data Requests 18, 48 and 49. Commissioner Anderson
seconded the motion,
which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to deny USWC's objections regarding Data Requests 78
and 178.
Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-1.
Commissioners
Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

Commissioner Rowe moved to require USWC to respond to Data Requests 78 and
178. Commissioner
Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to find USWC's response to Data Request 77 as
unresponsive and direct

USWC to respond. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to find USWC's response to Data Request 141 as unresponsive and direct USWC to respond. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to find USWC's response to Data Request 175 insufficient and direct USWC to respond. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(304) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a complaint filed against McGree Trucking regarding Class D operations - Docket No. T98.23.COM; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Complaint regarding interpretation and operations of a Class D certificate owned by Thomas F. Kenneally and operated by McGree Trucking. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 25, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioners McCaffree and Anderson were absent and did not vote on the following item..

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Kate Whitney,
Jay Driscoll, Bonnie Lorang, Wendy Fuller, Scott Fabel

(305) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's 271 filing, pending motions and objections - Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action incorporating staff recommendation and Commission direction resolving most objections and

reserving ruling on others. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 29, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(306) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.130; On June 15, 1998, USWC filed TT 98-26 to introduce the Improve Customer Service promotion to business customers. This promotion will waive the conversion charge for customers changing from a flat rated business line to a contracted analog Centrex 21 service; waive the non-recurring charge for customers subscribing to different custom calling service packages or an E-mail address listing or URL listing; and waive the non-recurring charge plus give one month free service for customers subscribing to Business Voice Messaging. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(307) In the matter of US WEST- Docket N98.6.134; On June 15, 1998, US WEST filed revised tariff transmittal 98-30 to introduce two optional products for business customers in Montana to assist in managing telephone traffic and completing analysis to assist in marketing efforts:

- (1) Call Data Collection and Transmission (CDCT) captures incoming call data (including time, date, calling party number, zip code, busy calls, unanswered calls, & length of calls), provided in an ASCII data file sent to the customer daily over the internet.
- (2) Trackline Plus is a forwarding telephone number temporarily assigned for purposes of tracking call data. The product would normally be associated with a single advertised sales campaign - ticket sales, a

contest, or a specific sales event, used in conjunction with CDCT.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised tariff transmittal 98-30. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(308) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.131; On June 15, 1998, US West Communications filed to eliminate the monthly recurring charges and reduce the nonrecurring charges for number activation for commercial mobile radio services customers. The proposed tariff revisions were filed to comply with an FCC order. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the proposed tariff revisions. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(309) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY- Docket N98.6.124; On June 4, 1998, Sprint filed revised tariff pages changing the name of Toll Free Access Collect II (One Dime) to Toll Free Access Collect II and adding other toll free numbers to obtain unique rates and connection fees; move station-to-station collect and person-to-person collect under Moonlight Madness to Toll Free Access Collect II; reduce the peak per minute usage rate and increase the station-to-station connection fee; increasing the Spree Prepaid FONCARD rate for \$5.00 increments from \$.33 to \$.40; adding a \$30 increment rate of \$.31; and to add the Airlines/Sprint Partnership Program for frequent flyer miles. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised tariff pages. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(310) In the matter of US WEST Communications, Inc. - Docket N.98.6.133; On June 15, 1998, US West filed a revised tariff page allowing calls placed to one call router to be directed to another router. Currently, calls placed to a call route associated with Business Voice Message Service are not permitted to be directed to another router. This filing removes that restriction. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(311) In the matter of Docket T-98.18.ST - On May 15, 1998 Timothy W. Balazic dba Northwest Disposal Service, Bigfork, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 2714, to Marc W. Johnson dba Northwest Disposal Services, Bigfork, Montana.

Class D -
Garbage and
refuse,
authorized to
serve an area
whose eastern,
western and
northern

boundaries are defined as the arc on the circumference of a 35 mile radius circle whose center originates at Polson, Montana; and whose southern boundary is defined as a cord of

the 35 miles radius circle running tangent to a 10 mile radius circle whose center originates at Ronan, Montana; including the town of Creston, Montana and points intermediate between Big Fork, Montana and Creston, Montana; and between Big Fork and Lakeside, Montana on the county road and U.S. Highway 93; and serving the United States Air Force radar base located near Lakeside, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Service within corporate limits of the City of Polson, Montana is prohibited. Transportation of household goods under Rule 31 is prohibited.

Class D -
Garbage and
refuse, between
all points and
places from
Bigfork,
Montana to the
Missoula

County line down Seeley Swan Highway by way of Highway 326 and Highway 209.

No protests were received. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the transfer of PSC No. 2714. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(312) Docket
T-98.19.ST - On May 19, 1998 Manly R. Gauger dba City Delivery Service, Billings, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 1571, to Suhr Transport, Billings, Montana.

Class C - Property within the City of Billings, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Billings, Montana and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city to all points and places in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to Billings and points within a radius of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city.

No protests were received. Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the transfer of PSC No. 1571. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(313) TN1934 -
Central Cab & Transfer Co., Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 602 to Tucker Transportation, Inc., Butte, Montana for a one year period, June 23, 1998 to June 23, 1999.

Class C - Property as specified, props, drops and scenery for shows and trunks, baggage, beer, light housekeeping fixtures and light moving jobs, within the City of Butte, and not over a radius of five (5) miles from the City of Butte.

Class B - Persons, within the City of Butte, Montana, and between points tributary thereto, but within a

distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.
Limitations: Regular or
scheduled service as a jitney or bus is prohibited on or over any route.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the lease of PSC No. 602 for a period of one year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(314) In the matter of the approval of the June 15, 1998 and June 22, 1998 Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(315) In the matter of the approve of the August 1998 Calendar; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
ATTEST:

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, Tuesday, on June 30, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(316) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T and Spring vs. US West Communications; Inc. Docket No. D98.6.142; Commissioner Oberg moved to notice the complaint according to Commission complaint rules with a ten day response granted to USWC. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(317) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC 271 Filing Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to rule on TCG objections to USWC data requests consistent with prior Commission rulings on joint intervenor objections to same USWC objections. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(318) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Tel-Save, Inc. D98.6.143; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice of formal complaint with a 20 day response period from USWC. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(319) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Electric Licensing Rules- L-97.8.6.RUL; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action extending interim licensing of electric suppliers pending approval of final rules. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt

(319) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request of Robin McHugh for two attorneys to attending the NARUC Summer Meetings in Seattle, Washington. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and McCaffree dissented. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE,
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)